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## SIX OF SEINING FLEET WITH FISH.

But the Mackerel Outlook Is Considered Discouraging.

Sch. Diana Will Fit for Seining Trip in North Bay.

Six of the mackerel seining fleet are at Boston and this port today, one with no fish, and the other with fares of from 1500 to 11,000 fresh fish in count, while one of the crafts has quite a bunch of salt mackerel. All the skippers report a very dry look to the southward.

Sch. Emily Cooney with 1500 large fresh mackerel and sch. Squanto with 6000 large fresh mackerel came in yesterday, and sch. Harmony came in during the night with 3000 large fresh mackerel, 52 barrels of large salt mackerel and 15 barrels of salt bulls-eye mackerel. Sch. Emily Cooney shipped her fish to Boston this morning, while the fresh ones of sch. Harmony sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company at 20 cents each, a fine price. Sch. Squanto is owned at T wharf, and this morning took a tow-boat and towed up there to dispose of her catch.

At Boston this morning sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, has a dandy fare, 11,000 large fresh mackerel, and sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, has 5000 large fresh mackerel. These catches were made off Chatham recently, the fish being taken in small schools. The skippers struck a fine price, getting 21 and 21 1-2 cents each for their large fish. There were very few medium fish in the trips and what few there were sold for 16 cents each. Both vessels will profit well.

Capt. Augustus G. Hall of sch. Harmony has anything but an encouraging report to make. He says that on Friday and Saturday there was a fleet off the Rose and Crown shoal. A very few fish were showing. They came up in the early morning and the day's chances were over by 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The schools were of the smallest kind, not over 1000 or 1500 fish in a school.

Some few miles to the southward was another small fleet. Coming up to the buoy off Chatham Sunday, he found a fleet of 40 sail, all sailing about, chasing a few wild, small schools, and doing little. He reports that sch. Terra Nova and sch. Romance had made small hauls and that sch. Victor and also sch. Lucania, both at Boston today, were the lucky ones, getting the cream of what little fishing there was and making up enough to go to market with, the former getting the best haul of all.

All the captains reported to Capt. Hall there was little of an encouraging nature there, but just enough showing now and then to make them hang on and take the chances of getting a school. Sch. Harmony got her school down off the Rose and Crown shoal.

### Sch. Diana Fitting for North Bay.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, which came in here yesterday, will now fit for a mackerel trip to the North Bay, being the first of the fleet to make ready for that trip this season. Last year Capt. McLean got a fine trip down there, it being one of his favorite fishing spots. The captain thinks the fishing prospects out to the southward at present is too slim to be wasting valuable time on and will get away for the bay as soon as possible, taking a good look along the Maine coast and Bay of Fundy as he goes.

### Sales of Salt Mackerel.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Harmony sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$15 per barrel, an advance of about \$4 per barrel over last sales. The fish are of nice quality. The salt bullseyes of sch. Harmony sold to the same company at \$7 per barrel. The price paid for the salt large mackerel from this craft bears out the assertion made in the Times last week that the fish salted would bring better money than selling at 14 cents each fresh. The chances are that they will be worth more, salted, before they are worth less than today's figure.

## TIDES AND FISHING.

Fish Are More Active in Search for Food on the Flood Tide.

The most essential thing in sea fishing next to tackle and bait, is a tide table, because all marine fishes except the flatfish—flounder and fluke—are captured more readily at a certain tide. The main cause for such is that fish are more active in their search for food generally on the flood tide.

Vast schools of little fishes move close into shore on the incoming tide, working their way into the smaller bays and inlets, especially near the edge of banks, where they feed on the small crustaceans, shrimps and little minnows that can effectually hide from their larger enemies when the tide is low and the large fish are unable to get at them in very shoal waters.

It is a common and interesting sight to see a school of weakfish slowly moving in near the surface with the early tide. Suddenly one sees the smooth surface all in commotion. Silvery minnows leap frantically in all directions, looking like flashes of diamonds, then instantly disappear to certain death. At such times anglers should be ready with their boat trimmed snug, lines out floating 40 feet away, baited with live shrimps.

Tide affects bottom feeders, though not to such a large extent. Fishing from piers and docks an hour before and after flood is most likely to give good results. On wrecks much depends on the kind of fish. The last of the ebb and at low tide is considered the worst condition for general fishing. In the open sea, on the banks, tidal influence counts for little or nothing. Any tide is as good as another.—Outing Magazine.

### Labrador Fishery a Failure.

The fishery news brought by the steamer Prospero, from Labrador, is of the worst possible kind and may be summed up in two words "no fish," with the exception of three places, Tilton Harbor and Paquet, there is practically nothing doing along the entire Newfoundland and Labrador coasts north of St. John's, and at these places there is only a little fish.

At Battle Harbor, no fish were reported in the straits.

There is a little fish to be had at Cat Harbor, but no improvement on previous reports.

At Quirpon on Tuesday last there were over one hundred vessels, all bound north.

Holwell, from Herring Neck, had 140 quintals landed for his trap at Crouse.

Fishermen in Baccalieu Tickle were getting a little fish when the Prospero came along Saturday.

Sch. Labrador, Capt. Taylor, which arrived at St. John's N. F., Saturday from Labrador ports, reports the northern fishery a failure up to date. Some of the vessels have got down, but a number of them are still detained at Battle Harbor by the ice. No fish has yet been taken between Battle and Indian Harbors, the ice preventing the fishermen from putting out their traps. Friday the ship was obliged to put back and anchor under the shelter of Windmill Head, near Cat Harbor. On the return trip the ship was obliged to go outside the ice all the way between Indian Harbor and Battle Harbor.

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### Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The Norwegian fishery for 1909 amounts to 55,955,000 fish. This is the largest quantity for several years and considerably more than last season's. The operations of the French fishermen show signs of being successful also.

Mackerel have been caught in large numbers at Galveston within the last fortnight. As many as 75 and 100 fish have been taken at a time. A few tarpon have also been taken.

Fish arrivals at Pensacola, Fla., during the past week have been light. There were two arrivals for the Saunders Company on July 1. The smacks Angelina and Ruth Welles had an aggregate of 20,000 pounds of redsnappers. Three smacks are at the docks—the Caviere and Irma, for E. E. Saunders & Co., and the Emma Jane, for the Warren Fish Co.

It is reported that the Japanese authorities contemplate taking measures to control the local whale fisheries, and to prevent reckless destruction as at present. The total catch for the year ending August, 1907, amounted to 1,790 carcasses. The flesh of whales is in great demand in some Japanese provinces.

## Nova Scotia Fishermen Benefited.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S. Coast Guard says: "Few people realize to what an extent the fishermen of Nova Scotia benefited by the removal of the duty on the common cordage of their outfit. Probably no enactment in the history of Canada ever relieved directly from an unjust tax so large a part of the population. The annual fishing bounty to Nova Scotia is about \$100,000. This grant, which was regarded as a great favor, was actually \$40,000 less each year than the toll taken from the fishermen to help the ropemakers run their business. It is certainly something to think about. In 10 years, be the fisherman's earnings much or little, they will be as a whole over a million dollars better off than if the tax had remained. And this concession was obtained through the agency of the union. Not one federal member raised his voice for it; not one single paper in the broad Dominion pleaded for it, except the Coast Guard."

### Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Sand Point—Cod fair; no herring.  
Lockeport—Cod plenty; 25 barrels herring in trap.  
Liverpool—Herring very plenty; cod and haddock plenty.  
Musquodoboit—Cod, haddock, halibut and trout fair; salmon scarce.  
Salmon River—Cod, herring, trout and salmon fair.  
Isaac's Harbor—Fed cod, herring and salmon reported.  
West Arichat—Herring fair; cod scarce.  
Arichat—Cod and herring fair.  
Descousse—Herring fair.  
Margaree—Cod, haddock, herring and salmon fair.  
Port Hood—Hake and herring fair.  
Alberton—Cod plenty; mackerel fair.

### Digby, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Sch. Elmer, Capt. McWhinnie, was in port last Friday and landed 20,000 pounds fresh fish.

Auxiliary sch. Minnie C., Capt. Stephen Haynes, was in port last Friday and landed 18,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, Capt. Ansel Snow, sailed Monday for the fishing grounds, having been thoroughly overhauled and painted while in port, and fitted with her summer rig.

Offshore fishing near Yarmouth is at a standstill and practically no fish have been landed here during the past few days. Bait is scarce although a few herring are being taken at Tiverton. Dogfish remain plentiful.

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### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, dory hand-lining.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, Providence.  
Sch. Morning Star, seining.  
Sch. Squanto, Boston.

### Harbor Notes.

Sch. Olga is on the Rocky Neck railways.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Mildred Robinson and James W. Parker cleared from Canso, N. S., for Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday.

Sch. William H. Rider is at Provincetown today for a second baiting, with 25,000 lbs. of salt cod on board. She has struck good fishing.

Sch. Onato was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday and cleared.

Capt. Fred Uusell of sch. Preceptor reports speaking the flitched halibut S. P. Willard on Baccalieu Bank in latitude 49.11 north. Capt. Peterson reported poor fishing, having been bothered by ice.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Preceptor sold to the New England Fish Company at 5 cents per pound, right through.

### Increase on Dory Handlines.

The fare of salt dory handline cod-fish of sch. Elector sold to F. F. Smith & Co. at \$3.25 per hundred weight for large and \$3 for mediums, a raise of 12 1-2 cents per hundred weight all around.

### Americans Forbidden to Buy Herring Bait.

According to owners of American halibut fishing vessels at Seattle, Washington, yesterday, the recent order forbidding Americans to buy herring bait in British Columbia waters is intended to force Americans to put their ships under the British flag and transfer their business to the Canadian side, as one Boston company has already done.



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# MACKEREL AND SALT COD HERE.

Today's Fish Receipts Very  
Satisfactory.

A most satisfactory day in the fishing receipt line is this, July 19, here, for several good solid trips are in, the great staple, salt cod, figuring most prominently. Three mackerel catches have also come to port and though their catches are not as large as could be desired yet they are better than none at all.

The salt trawl banker John R. Bradley, which has won fame as an Arctic exploration craft, is now back at her prosaic calling, has a good trip of salt cod, as has also the salt bank dory handliner Lottie G. Merchant, whose narrow escape from being run down in a gale and being sent to bottom with all hands was told in Saturday's Times. The dory handliner Meteor is also in with a snug catch.

The Rippers, five in number, all have good catches, indeed some of them could be termed better than good. Sch. James and Esther has one of the largest fresh cod catches of the season in this line of fishing, while schs. Jubilee, Olympia, Good Luck and Gertrude each have fine salted cod fares, all going to swell the fine staple total.

Four of the gasoline pollockers came in yesterday, with catches aggregating 35,000 pounds.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, of the seining fleet, came home yesterday to fit for a salt mackerel trip to the North Bay, sch. Emily Cooney came home from the Rips with a small fresh mackerel fare, sch. Harmony has a fare of both fresh and salt mackerel, and sch. Squanto, with fresh ones, came in yesterday and this morning took a towboat and went to Boston, where she is owned.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, is in from a fresh halibut trip to the far away Bacallieu bank. Capt. Upshell reports fish very scarce on this summer fishing ground, and he had hard work to drill up a 25,000 pound trip.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Olympia, Rips, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Good Luck, Rips, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Gertrude, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. James and Esther, Rips, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Meteor, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 180,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. John R. Bradley, Quero Bank, salt trawl banking, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Quero Bank, dory handling, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Preceptor, Bacallieu Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. flitched halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Harmony, Rips, 3000 large fresh mackerel, 52 bbls. large salt mackerel, 15 bbls. salt bullseyes.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, Rips, 1500 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Squanto, Rips, 6000 large fresh mackerel, (went to Boston).  
Sch. Diana, seining.  
Steamer Alice, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Marchant, shore, 2500 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Jubilee, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Almeida, via Boston.  
Sch. Queen of the Sea, shore.  
Steamer John B. Simmons, porgy fishing.

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# SCHOOL OF LARGE POLLOCK.

Fish Landed at Boston Today  
of Unusual Size.

T wharf, Boston, has a lot of fish today, the 23 market fishermen leaving from 20,000 to 65,000 pounds each, cod and pollock predominating, some of the crafts having as high as 30,000 pounds of the latter fish.

These pollock are the largest the fishermen say, they ever caught, and the dealers say they are the largest ever landed at the wharf. The fish, most of them, go over 25 pounds and many reached the enormous weight of 45 pounds.

With such a good bunch of fish in, a low market was expected, but for Monday it was quite low, because of trade dullness. The dealers will handle what they can, although, outside of haddock the market price is just about the going splitting prices.

Beside the ground fish there were nine swordfishermen in, each one with a fine fare, indeed the total for the nine trips was 700 fish, one of the largest single day's receipts in this line ever at the dock. Considering the continuous big receipts of "swords" since the season opened there is little chance to kick on the price.

The Klondike trip at the dock today is sch. Victor, with 11,000 mackerel. These fish are worth 21 and 21½ cents each, a fancy figure indeed, and Capt. McFarland will fare well, as will Capt. Welch of sch. Lucania, there with 5000 large fresh mackerel.

Some of the market boats may bring some of their cod and pollock here to split.

The receipts in detail are:

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Richard, 8000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 16,000 pollock.  
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 9000 haddock, 47,000 cod.  
Sch. John J. Fallon.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Sch. Appomattox, 23,000 cod.  
Sch. Alcina, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Morning Star, 3200 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Eva Avina, 3200 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 5 swordfish, 600 halibut.  
Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Valentinna, 89 swordfish.  
Sch. Lochinvar, 76 swordfish.  
Sch. On Time, 43 swordfish.  
Sch. Robert C. Harris, 60 swordfish.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 92 swordfish.  
Steamer Spray, 33,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Victor, 11,000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Lucania, 5000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2000 cod, 60,000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 6000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.  
Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 9000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 30,000 pollock.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Arbitrator, 4000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Matiana, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Fany Hayden, 86 swordfish.  
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Sch. Motor, 104 swordfish.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 78 swordfish.  
Sch. Matchless.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Buema, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.10; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 50c to 60c; swordfish, 6c to 6½c per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 21 to 21½c each; fresh medium mackerel, 16c each.

## Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.  
Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.  
Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.  
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.  
Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

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Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.

Fresh halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.  
Salt shore mackerel, \$15 per bbl.  
Salt bullseye mackerel, \$7 per bbl.  
Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Board of Trade prices:

Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.

Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.10.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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MORE VESSELS FIT FOR  
NORTH BAY.

Sch. Arthur D. Story  
Secured Fine Haul  
of Mackerel Off Monhegan.

Good Prices Secured  
for Fresh Mackerel  
Landed.

The recent reports that there have been some mackerel on the Maine coast and of a school seen off Cape Elizabeth a few days ago by sch. Arthur D. Story are given most emphatic backing by the fact that a school of large mackerel were taken this morning off Monhegan and landed at Port Clyde, Me.

A special to the Times this noon from Ralph F. Dodge, the wholesale fish dealer at Port Clyde, states that a school of large mackerel were taken off Monhegan this morning and brought in at the former port. The message does not give the size of the school or the name of the craft making the haul, but the source of the telegram is of undoubted authority and the main and gratifying fact that there are mackerel schooling there is established.

Sch. Dauntless at Boston with Big Fare.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, arrived at T wharf, Boston, this forenoon with a fine fare of 10,000 large fresh mackerel which are selling at 18 cents each. The fish are taken off the Rips.

Will Fit For North Bay.

Things are pretty dull in the mackerel line today. The sum total of receipts are two small fares of fresh ones here and two more at Boston. None of the skippers home are charmed with the outlook, as evidenced by three of the crafts now in port, giving up the shore chase and fitting for the North Bay cruise.

At Boston today are steamer Bessie M. Dugan with 3000 large fresh mackerel and sch. Arcadia with 2200 large fresh mackerel.

At this port are sch. Terra Nova with 1500 large fresh mackerel and sch. Arthur James with 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Capt. Seavey of sch. Squanto, which was here yesterday, is inclined to think that there are some fish off Chatham, but no great body to them.

What the skippers are looking for are reports of fish off the Lurcher, in the Bay of Fundy, on the Maine coast or on Georges.

With word of mackerel schooling from either of these directions, the captains may take heart of there being some body of mackerel on the shore, or in this vicinity, but at present it must be considered that no body of fish has been located by the fleet, outside of the bullseyes, since leaving the Cape Shore.

Capt. Almon D. Mallock of sch. Indiana will now fit that craft for a North Bay mackerel seining trip.

Sch. Judique will also fit for a North Bay mackerel seining trip.